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This is a decision on the Petition for Corrected Filing Receipt and Request for Correction of the Claim of Priority Under 37 CFR 1.78, filed March 19, 2004, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of prior filed nonprovisional application, number 08/425,543, filed April 20, 1995 and now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of nonprovisional application no. 08/300,620 filed September 2, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,531,022, issued on July 2, 1996, which is a division of U.S. application 07/963,346, filed on October 19, 2002, and now U.S. Patent No. 5,371,654, issued on December 6, 1994.

This Petition is hereby dismissed as moot.

The instant application was filed on November 20, 1996. Petitions under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) for acceptance of a delayed priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) for acceptance of a delayed priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 are only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. See MPEP § 201.11 and 65 FR 57024 (Sept. 20, 2000). Therefore, the petition is dismissed as involving a moot issue.

Applicant is advised to file a Certificate of Correction to effect the requested claim for priority and corrected filing receipt. See Manual for Patent Examining Procedure ("MPEP")§ 1481.

In view of the above, Petitioner's Deposit Account has not been charged the fee for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim of priority.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0014.

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